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ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

**Thursday, September 19, 2013
Summary Minutes**

Members Present:

Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda, L&GO Vice Chair
Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa, ABAG President
Councilmember Julie Pierce, Chair, City of Clayton, ABAG Vice President
Mayor Bill Harrison, City of Fremont
Supervisor David Rabbitt, County of Sonoma, Chair
Supervisor Linda Seifert, County of Solano

Staff Present:

Ezra Rapport – ABAG
Brad Paul—ABAG
Kathleen Cha – ABAG

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** L&GO Chair David Rabbit called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.
2. **MINUTES:** July 18, 2013, minutes were approved.
3. **LEGISLATION CONSIDERED DURING 2013 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION—**
The Committee considered 37 bills this past legislative session, and took positions on 33 bills. The committee meeting focused primarily on the 12 bills that passed out of the legislature, were engrossed and enrolled, and on their way to the Governor's desk for his approval/veto. Because of last minute amendments to many bills, the committee reviewed the final enrolled bills to ensure that past recommendations were still representative.

As a result, the positions of two bills were changed from Watch to SUPPORT:

- **AB 48 Skinner: Firearms: Large Capacity Magazines SUPPORT**
The bill would make it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$1000, or imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed 6 months (or both) to knowingly manufacture, import, keep for sale, offer or exposed for sale or give, lend, buy or receive any large capacity magazine conversion kit that is capable of converting an ammunition feeding device into a large-capacity magazine. *(This bill initially addressed Firearms-ammunition sales)*
- **AB 1229 (Atkins) Land Use: Zoning Regulations SUPPORT**

Authorizes the legislative body of a city or county to establish, as a condition of development, inclusionary housing requirements, which may require the provision of residential units affordable to and occupied by lower-income, very low-income, or extremely low-income owners or tenants.

The Committee recommended positions for two other bills not considered before, but currently enrolled:

- **AB 440 (Gatto) Hazardous Materials: Local Agency Clean-up SUPPORT**

This measure authorizes a local agency to investigate and clean up releases or spills within the boundaries of the local agency, and provides immunity from further liability to the local agency and any person who enters into an agreement with that local agency to develop the property as well as future property owners. Defines "local agency" as a county, a city, a city and county, or a housing authority. *This bill is designed to replicate the authority and immunity from future liability provided by the Polanco Redevelopment Act for local government.*

- **AB 562 (Williams) Economic Development Subsidies: Review by Local Agencies**
OPPOSE

Would require local agencies to provide specified information to the public before approving any economic development subsidy of \$100,00 or more—Opposed because it adds additional layers of bureaucracy, costly and burdensome requirement, and micromanagement that is not necessary, and in fact many provisions reflect what is already being done on the local level.

Other bills going to the Governor's desk that were reviewed, with no change to position included:

AB 662 Atkins, Dickinson, Mitchell, Perea, Ting, and Torres: Local Government: Redevelopment —Successor Agencies to Redevelopment Agencies (Support)

SB 279 Hancock: San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (Support)

SB 299 DeSaulnier: Firearms: Lost or Stolen—Reports (Support)

SB 470 Wright: Community Development: Economic Opportunity

SB 594 Hill: Use of Public Resources

The committee recommended that follow-up letters be sent to the Governor expressing our positions.

Under CEQA discussion, it was noted that Steinberg's California Environmental Quality Act, **SB 731** was held back and is considered now a two-year bill, with many predicting many more changes to this complex measure in the next session.

- Steinberg instead introduced a very specific, more narrow-focused bill, which the committee examined: This was **SB 743: Environmental Quality: Transit oriented infill projects, Judicial Review Streamlining for Environmental Leadership Development Projects, and Entertainment and Sports Center in the City of Sacramento**

- It was noted that even though the bill is addressing CEQA issues related to Arco Arena, there were included very good broader-based provisions related to transit oriented infill projects.

4. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Next Meeting will be held December 5, 2013.